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### **Lesson 12 Vocabulary Words**

Directions: Define each word and include the part of speech. Write a sentence for each word on the back of this page.

1. anterior
2. cataclysm
3. catacomb
4. catalyst
5. catatonic
6. malevolent
7. malicious
8. malign
9. protagonist
10. protocol

## Lesson 12 Exercises

Having or showing intense ill will or hatred.

- Captain Ahab sees Moby Dick not simply as a whale but as a , evil foe.

Desiring to cause pain, injury, or distress to another.

- The boys didn't take the apples with any  intent; they were just hungry and didn't know any better.

To make harsh and often false or misleading statements about.

- Captain Bligh of the *Bounty* may be one of the most unjustly  figures in British naval history.

(1) A violent and massive change of the earth's surface. (2) A momentous event that results in great upheaval and often destruction.

- World War I was a great  in modern history, marking the end of the old European social and political order.

An underground cemetery of connecting passageways with recesses for tombs.

- The early Christian  of Rome provide a striking glimpse into the ancient past for modern-day visitors.

(1) A substance that speeds up a chemical reaction or lets it take place under different conditions. (2) Someone or something that brings about or speeds significant change or action.

- The assassination of Archduke Ferdinand in Sarajevo in 1914 acted as the  for World War I.

(1) Relating to or suffering from a form of schizophrenia. (2) Showing an unusual lack of movement, activity, or expression.

- The audience sat in a  stupor while the speaker droned on about the importance of a good vocabulary.

The main character in a literary work.

- Macbeth is the ruthlessly ambitious  of Shakespeare's play, but it is his wife who pulls the strings.

(1) An original copy or record of a document. (2) A code of diplomatic or military rules of behavior.

- The guests at the governor's dinner were introduced and seated according to the strict  governing such occasions.

(1) An original model on which something is patterned. (2) A first, full-scale, usually working version of a new type or design.

- There was great excitement when, after years of top-secret development, the  of the new Stealth bomber first took to the skies.

**A. Choose the closest definition:**

1. malevolent a. wishing evil b. wishing well c. blowing violently d. badly done
2. cataclysm a. loud applause b. feline behavior c. natural disaster d. inspiration
3. malign a. speak well of b. speak to c. speak ill of d. speak of repeatedly
4. catacomb a. underground road b. underground cemetery c. underground spring d. underground treasure
5. malicious a. vague b. explosive c. confusing d. mean
6. catatonic a. refreshing b. slow c. motionless d. boring
7. malnourished a. fed frequently b. fed poorly c. fed excessively d. fed occasionally
8. catalyst a. literary agent b. insurance agent c. cleaning agent d. agent of change

**B. Indicate whether the following pairs of words have the same or different meanings:**

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|---------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. catacomb / catastrophe | same ___ / different ___ |
| 2. malnourished / overfed | same ___ / different ___ |
| 3. cataclysm / disaster   | same ___ / different ___ |
| 4. malign / slander       | same ___ / different ___ |
| 5. catatonic / paralyzed  | same ___ / different ___ |
| 6. catalyst / cemetery    | same ___ / different ___ |
| 7. malicious / nasty      | same ___ / different ___ |
| 8. malevolent / pleasant  | same ___ / different ___ |